

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/825,544

REMARKS

In the March 29, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claim 34, rejected claims 21-23, 25, 29, 30, 32 and 33, and objected to claims 24, 26-28 and 31 as depending from a rejected base claim.

In this Amendment and Response, Applicant has copied previously dependant claim 24 into claims 21 and 33 and has re-written claim 31 in independent form. Since the Examiner previously indicated that claims 24, 26-28 and 31 would be allowable if re-written in independent form, Applicant believes the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes that while Applicant now amends the pending claims in this application to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of Sahota and rejections of claims 21-23, 25, 29, 30, 32 and 33 as previously written and reserves the right to pursue those claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

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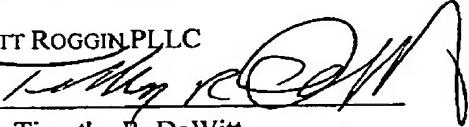
If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or refund any overpayment of fees in connection with this Response to Deposit Account 50-2837.

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